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All County Welfare Directors

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FAIR HEARINGS FOR MEDICALLY INDIGENT ADULTS (MIAs) WITH DISABILITY
EVALUATIONS PENDING

At present, approximately 900 disability determinations have been completed by the State Disability Evaluation Division (DED) for those MIAs who filed for fair hearings as a result of the December 1982 discontinuance from Medi-Cal. Of these 900 cases, 337 have been determined as disabled. An additional 4,400 pending disability cases are currently in the DED process.

To speed the fair hearing process and reduce costs, we are providing the following instructions with regard to these disability cases.

1. When disability has been granted by DED, the Office of the Chief Referee will send a completed copy of the MC 221, "Disability Determination and Transmittal," to the responsible county. Counties should expect the first forms within the next two weeks.
2. Counties will then:
 - a. Approve retroactive Medi-Cal eligibility using standard procedures.
 - b. Obtain completed withdrawals of fair hearing requests from the claimants and send them to State Hearing Support Section (SHSS), MIA Unit, P.O. Box 408, Sacramento, CA 95802. Upon receipt, these cases will be removed from the fair hearing system.

The above procedures will eliminate the necessity for fair hearings for claimants who have been determined disabled.

Individual hearings will be conducted for cases where disability was denied by DED.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Gerry Senini at (916) 445-1797.

Sincerely,

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cc: Medi-Cal Program Consultants